(iii) (a) Annual Report of the National Council of Science Museums, Calcutta, for the year 1985-86.

(b) Annual Accounts of the National Council of Science Museums, Calcutta, for the year 1985-86, and the Audit Report thereon.

(c) Review by Government on the working of the Council.

(d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) and (b) above. [Placed in the Library. *See* No. LT-3995/87 for (a) to (d)]

(iv) (a) Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, for the year 1985-86.

(b) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in the Library, *See* No. LT. 3993|87 for (a) and (b)

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the University Grants Commission, under section 28 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956: —

(i) Notification No. F. 1-117/83 (CPP), dated the 14th June, 1986, inserting a new clause 8 after clause 7 of the UGC (the minimum standards of instructions for the grant of the first degree through formal education in the faculties of Arts, Humanities, Fine Arts, Music, Social Sciencies, Commerce and Science) Regulations, 1985.

(ii) Notification No. F. 1-117/83 (CPP), dated the 14th June, 1986, inserting a new clause 7 after clause 6 of the UGC (the minimum standards of instructions for the grant of first degree through non-formal/distance education in the faculties of Arts, Humanities, Fine Arts, Music, Social Sciences. Commerce and Sciences) Regulations, 1985. [Placed in the Library. See No. LT 3934/87 for (i) to (ii)].

**Notifications of the Ministry of Communications (Department of Posts), (Postal Services Board)**

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, I also beg to lay on the Table, under section 7 of the Indian Post Office Act, 1898, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Communications (Department of Posts) (Postal Services Board):—

(i) G.S.R. No. 1333(E), dated the 29th December, 1986, publishing the Indian Post Office (Tenth Amendment) Rules, 1986.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 85(E), dated the 9th February, 1987, publishing the Indian Post Office (2nd Amendment) Rules, 1987. [Placed in the Library. *See* No. LT-4053/87 for (i) and (ii)]

**I. Report and Accounts (1985-86) of the Central Council of Indian Medicine, New Delhi and related papers including Sstatement giving reasons for delay in laying Report and Accounts.**

**II. Accounts (1985-86) of the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha Ntw Delhi and related papers.**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Central Council of Indian Medicine, New Delhi, for the year 1985-86, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Council. [Placed in the Library. *See* No. LT-4000/87 for (a) and (b)].

(ii) (a) Annual Accounts of the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha, New Delhi,

for the year 1985-86, and the Audit Report thereon.

(b) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in the Library. See No. LT-3999/87 for (a) and (b)]

(iii) Statement giving reasons for not laying the Annual Report and Accounts of the Central Council of Indian Medicine, New Delhi, for the year 1985-86, within the stipulated period. [Placed in the Library. See No. LT. 4000/87]

**Report and Accounts (1985-86) of the Central Power Research Institute, Bangalore and related papers**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Central Power Research Institute, Bangalore, for the year 1985-86, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Institute.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above. [Placed in the Library. See No. LT-4055|87 for (i) to (iii)].

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## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY (Karnataka): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Seventy-first Report of the Public Accounts Committee on working of a film circle.

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## LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that I have received a letter dated the 2nd March, 1987, from Shri K. L. N. Prasad to the effect that he is still under treatment in the U.S.A. and that his doctors have advised him to stay there till the middle of April. He has, therefore, requested for grant of leave of absence from all sittings of the Rajya Sabha during its current Session.

Is it the pleasure of the House that permission be granted to Shri K.L.N. Prasad for remaining absent from all the meetings of the House during the current Session?

[*No hon. Member dissented.*]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Permission to to remain absent is granted.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE (Maharashtra): Our best wishes for his speedy recovery.

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## THE PAYMENT OF GRATUITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1987.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972.

*The question was put and the motion was adopted.*

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Ajit Jogi. He is not here. Shri J. P. Goyal.

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## REFERENCE TO THE MENACE OF BEGGARS AT ROAD-CROSSINGS

SHRI J. P. GOPAL (Uttar Pradesh): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to draw your attention to the menace of beggars at road-crossings in various parts of the country, specially in Delhi. This menace has been on the increase. Whenever vehicles stop at the road-crossings, the beggars rush for begging. They also enter the buses. This is creating a very embarrassing situation and it may lead to a situation where it may lead to accidents. Specially before